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- 25X1 1. On 5 November 1952, the Kavallerieschule in Krampnitz, north of Potsdam, was occupied as previously by about 6,000 troops. Preparations for the ceremony for the October revolution were observed in the barracks installation. On 31 October, about 700 men, some of them carrying rucksacks, had fallen in on the athletic field on Reiterdamm. [redacted] they had come from other places to attend an illustrated lecture. On 3 November, 50 to 60 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and stationed in buildings Nos 51 and 52 were discharged at a ceremony, with a military band playing. Each dischargee was given a diploma. On 5 November, the dischargees and another 150 troops with baggage left the installation on 12 trucks. Most of these soldiers were NCOs. [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] On 23 October, soldiers were seen picking up pamphlets which [redacted] had been dropped during the night of 22 October. About 80 to 100 sidecar motorcycles, which belonged to the motorcycle unit in building No 3, were parked in building No 88 on Reiterdamm. 25X1
- On 25 October, eight 57-mm AT guns were seen in building No 88. Truck [redacted] stood at a filling station on the east side of the hall. Four T-34/85 tanks, 25X1
- [redacted] were in building No 89. On 27 October, about 120 technical sergeants and NCOs wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport, tank or artillery insignia had fallen in on the athletic field on Reiterdamm. Subsequently, they left the installation with baggage on 10 trucks, with a military band playing. [redacted] building No 25 quartered a tank repair shop. SU 249 guns [redacted] and JS tanks [redacted] were seen in front of the tank garages on Nordstrasse. On 28 October, seven SU 249 guns [redacted] were seen in front of the tank garages on Nordweststrasse. [redacted] about 40 SP guns were parked in building No 62. Numerous wooden boxes with tank ammunition, which were covered with canvas, were in the area between the tank garages. Tank ammunition repeatedly was trucked to building No 59. [redacted] 25X1
- the SP guns were loaded in the tank garages. On 30 October, several trucks, armored scout cars and sedans were seen in building No 57. 25X1
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3. During the period from 24 to 29 October, all quartering buildings of the Kavallerieschule in Krampnitz were occupied. About 1,000 NCOs had allegedly been discharged during the period of observation. The conversion to a bakery of a stable, building No 16 was not completed by the target date which had been set for 28 October. Four large twin coal burning ovens were being erected. On 25 October, four SU 152 guns were in the inner yard in front of a garage, building No 56. Fifteen to 18 officers and 250 to 280 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia had fallen in in groups in front of building No 15/

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6. From 24 to 29 October, the Kriegsschule at the intersection of Pappel Allee and Kirsch Allee was occupied by about 1,000 troops, including some officer candidates. Officers who were seen for the first time and wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery or motor transport insignia and black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia, including a few with air force insignia, and some officials were seen entering and leaving the installation. The construction of garages in the east section of the installation was continued; a pistol target range was being constructed. [redacted] on 29 October, 2 T-34/85 tanks [redacted] 1 JS-3 tank and 1 SU 100 gun were loaded on flatcars which, [redacted] were attached to a regular freight train without locomotive at the Wildpark railroad station. The materiel had come from the Kriegsschule. 4

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7. On 28 October, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne on Pappel Allee was occupied by about 1,200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with motor transport insignia, and about 300 uniformed women. An officer and 11 EM, including some recruits, entered the installation, coming from the firing ranges.

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8. On 29 October, the north section of Polizei Kaserne at 10 - 12 Jaeger Allee, was occupied by about 300 recruits, wearing red-bordered black epaulets and including some with black-bordered crimson epaulets. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.

9. On 24 October, the barracks installation in Golm was occupied by about 300 troops with the sentry wearing black-bordered black epaulets. Only fatigue duty was observed.

No soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were seen after 17 October. The personnel of the new unit wore black-bordered black epaulets and, a few, signal insignia. After 17 October, the former ordnance shop and the garages in the east section of the installation, were used as motor vehicle repair shop. The northwest section of the installation, which previously quartered VP units, was vacant. The construction work was being completed. the artillery units which had been stationed in the barracks installation in Golm, after their return from the maneuver, had moved to the Hohenlohe Kaserne and Ludendorff Kaserne on Nedlitzer Strasse. The ammunition depot in Eiche and the cantonment near the Landessender (transmitter) in Potsdam had been vacated. 7

10. On 22 October, the barracks installation in Wildpark-West, east of Grosser Entenfaeher Lake, was occupied by about 3,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. The soldiers observed exclusively engaged in technical service and driving school practice.

11. On 22 October, the Hohenlohe Kaserne on Nedlitzer Strasse was occupied by about 300 troops, and the Ludendorff Kaserne north of the Hohenlohe Kaserne was occupied by about 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery or motor transport insignia. On 22 October, 9 officers and 138 BM wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, including a few with signal insignia, armed with rifles and carrying practice targets marched from the Hohenlohe Kaserne to the firing ranges. 7

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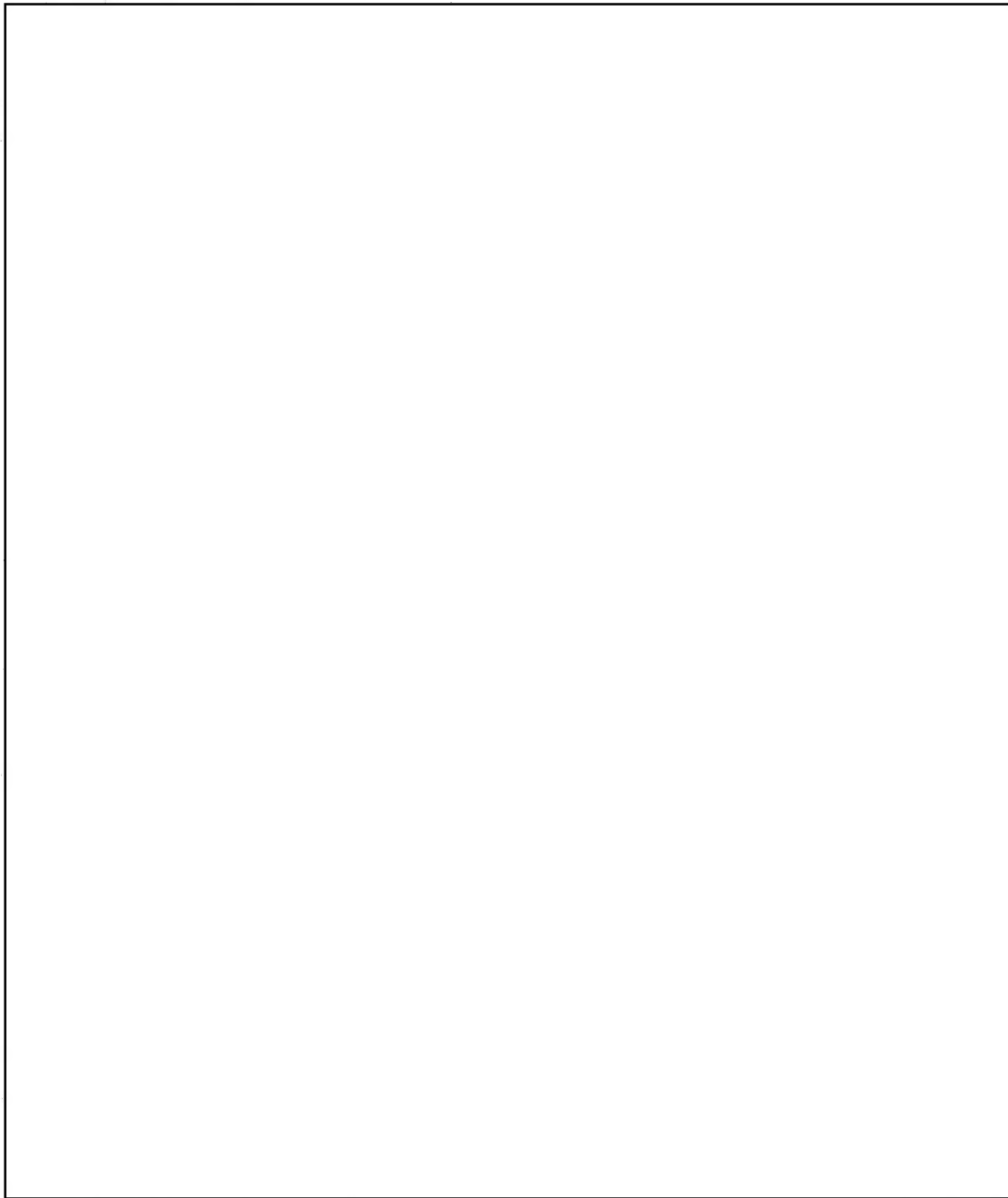
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13. On 30 October 1952, the south section of Delius Kaserne on Nedlitzer Strasse was occupied by 600 to 700 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery or motor transport insignia. One barracks building exclusively quartered recruits. Instruction in the billets and fatigue duty were observed. [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] On 30 October, the north section of the Delius Kaserne was occupied by about 800 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery or motor transport insignia. No recruits were seen. Instruction in the quarters, [REDACTED]

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drilling with rifles in the barracks yard and the construction of telephone lines in the Nedlitz Forest were observed. [REDACTED]

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14. From 27 to 30 October, the Hohenlohe Kaserne on Nedlitzer Strasse was occupied by at least 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport or artillery insignia. No activities other than cleaning of the quarters and maintaining of motor vehicles were observed.

15. On 27 October, the Ludendorff Kaserne on Nedlitzer Strasse was occupied by about 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with motor transport insignia, who were quartered in the three buildings fronting the street. No heavy weapons were observed. [REDACTED]

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16. On 3 November, the north section of the Delius Kaserne was about 75 percent lighted after nightfall. During the preceding days, 50 to 100 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were repeatedly seen drilling with rifles. [REDACTED]

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17. All windows of the quartering buildings of Ludendorff Kaserne on Nedlitzer Strasse were lighted in the evening hours of 3 November. During the preceding days, 50 troops were seen at physical training and two detachments of 80 to 100 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets marched out of the installation. Fifty unarmed troops drilled in the barracks yard. [REDACTED]

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18. On 3 November, about 80 percent of the buildings of the Hohenlohe Kaserne on Nedlitzer Strasse were lighted after dusk. No training activity was observed during daytime. [REDACTED]

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19. [REDACTED] 25X1

20. From 23 to 29 October, about 300 officers, from junior lieutenant up to and including captain, and 200 officer candidates arrived at the Kriegsschule at the intersection of Pappel Allee and Kirsch Allee. On 25 October, 40 recruits, replacements for the discharges of the cadre personnel, arrived at the Kriegsschule. Another 15 trained soldiers who wore motor transport insignia left for the U.S.S.R. on the same day. [REDACTED] the new course in the Kriegsschule started on 1 November. On 24 October, 4 factory-new BA-64 armored scout cars [REDACTED] arrived at the installation, and 2 factory-new armored personnel carriers [REDACTED] arrived on 25 October.

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21. On 22 October, [REDACTED] the artillery unit stationed at the Ludendorff Kaserne had returned from the maneuver. The kitchen cooked for 500 personnel. [REDACTED] On 23 October, soldiers were seen on the roofs of the quartering buildings, allegedly looking for subversive leaflets.

22. On 17 October, the Delius Kaserne was occupied by about 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, with the sentry wearing artillery insignia. On 23 October, [REDACTED] subversive leaflets had been dropped over the barracks area during the night of 22 October. 7

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- 25X1 23. On 20 October, [] the central section of the Polizei Kaserne, west of Jaeger Allee, was occupied by a Komendatura, and the north section was occupied by about 250 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, and including Captain Mazorov (fnu), administrative officer. On 29 October, the north section of the installation was occupied by 600 to 800 soldiers as [] 500 troops had returned on 25 October. As some of the officers [] had been seen there previously, [] the newly arrived unit was the one which formerly had been stationed there. 6 25X1 25X1 25X1
24. On 29 October, the south section of the Leibgardehusaren Kaserne on Stalin Allee was occupied by about 300 to 400 troops of various branches of service. A soldier stated that they belonged to a motor pool. The north section of the installation was occupied by VP. 5
25. On 29 October, the Garde-du-Corps Kaserne on Stalin Allee was occupied by 100 to 150 troops, with the sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. Twenty-one tank trucks were seen in the garages. The police headquarters had moved, and its quarters in the rear section of the installation were occupied by a police school. 3
26. On 22 October, Major Mamrei (fnu) was administrative officer in the Adolf Hitler Kaserne on Pappel Allee. Twenty [] trucks were seen in the barracks yard. Truck [] which belonged to a supply depot in Herder and was loaded with flour, entered the installation. 5 25X1 25X1
27. [] Kavallerieschule in Kramnitz/ All 10 kitchens were in operation. An administrative officer, allegedly one Colonel Rukotov (fnu) was identified in building No 9. He was subordinate to one Praznikov (fnu). Building No 10 was occupied by a headquarters. [] 25X1 25X1
28. On 28 October, the Kavallerieschule in Kramnitz was occupied beyond capacity. Twenty trucks and 10 tank trucks were observed in the barracks area. [] 25X1
- 25X1 1. [] Comment. The information on the occupation of the Kavallerieschule in Kramnitz, which quarters the bulk of the 10th Gds Tank Div, indicates no changes over previous reports [] 25X1
- 25X1 [] The sidecar motorcycles in building No 88 most probably belong to the 7th Gds Mtrcl Bn which thus can be confirmed in Kramnitz until 23 October 1952. The 81st Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt is confirmed in Kramnitz by []
- 25X1 [] The exchange of personnel of the 10th Gds Tank Div was previously reported. For key to numbered buildings see Annex 6 []
- 25X1 [] Brigadier General Braznikov is carried as commanding officer of the division.

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Comment. The beginning of a new course in the Kriegsschule in early November was previously reported. [redacted] Training courses held involve officers and officer candidates. The tanks loaded were presumably tanks in need of repair which had been used for instructional purposes in the Kriegsschule. [redacted] previously reported the exchange of cadre personnel.

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Comment. The barracks installation in Wildpark West can be carried as occupied by units of the 56th Motor Trans Bn of the GDFG as previously. [redacted] The information on the occupation of the Adolf Hitler Kaserne indicates no changes since the reference report. One Gds Major Karmel was previously reported as administrative officer in the Ruinenberg Kaserne. The Leibgardehusaren Kaserne and the Garde-du-Corps Kaserne possibly quarter motor transport units of the komendatura in Potsdam.

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Comment. In conjunction with the transfer to Muenzdorf-Zossen of the GDFG headquarters and offices, the Polizei Kaserne was also vacated. It, therefore, appears incredible that the installation should have been occupied by 60 to 800 troops which, according to [redacted] the present report, were the troops stationed there previously. According to other reports, the installation, after its reoccupation, has not been occupied by more than 250 troops at a time. The installation possibly quarters a komendatura with a guard unit [redacted]

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Comment. The Delius Kaserne, Hohenlohe Kaserne and Ludendorff Kaserne have been carried as occupied to capacity by units of the 34th Arty Div (US) since 22 October 1952. [redacted] Contrary to previous assumptions, the information contained in the present report indicates that the Hohenlohe Kaserne and the Ludendorff Kaserne were occupied by units from the barracks installation in Golm rather than units of the division stationed in the south section of Delius Kaserne. [redacted]

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[redacted] It is not known where the ammunition depot from the barracks installation in Eiche has been transferred. The barracks installation in Golm appears to be occupied by a signal unit, possibly a battalion, the assignment of which needs further clarification, [redacted]

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